

What is claimed is:

1. A print system comprising:

at least two image data outputting apparatuses and one
printer that prints images based on image data transferred from
5 the at least two image data outputting apparatuses; and

control means that controls printing preparation of the
recording sheet in the printer based on the transfer time,
required for the transfer of the image data when the image data
is transferred from each image data outputting apparatus, and
10 a printing preparation time required for printing preparation
of the recording sheet for printing the images based on the
image data; wherein

printing preparation start timing is obtained that
enables the time of completion of transfer of the image data
15 and the time of completion of the printing preparation of the
recording sheet to be synchronized; and
the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started at
the above-described printing preparation start timing.

2. The print system according to claim 1, wherein the
20 control means calculates and obtains the transfer time based
on information sent from the image data outputting apparatus
when the image data is transferred from each image data
outputting apparatus.

3. The print system according to claim 1, wherein:
25 transfer time information indicating the transfer time
of the image data of the image data outputting apparatus is

input and stored in the control means in advance.

4. The print system according to claim 1, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

5 when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

10 5. The print system according to claim 2, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

6. The print system according to claim 3, wherein:

20 the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.